

## **Christine O. Hill**

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Christine O. Hill serves as the Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs in the Department of Veterans Affairs. She is the principal advisor for legislative program and policy development within the VA, for identifying and monitoring VA-related legislation, and for developing and maintaining VA's relationship with Members of Congress and congressional committees. She also served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs.

Prior to her appointment, Mrs. Hill served as the Director, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs for the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. Before joining this congressionally-mandated Commission, she was the Military Legislative Assistant to Senator Elizabeth Dole. In this capacity, she assisted Senator Dole in her role as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (Airland, Emerging Threats, and Personnel subcommittees), as well as handled all personal office issues regarding military matters, veterans' affairs, and foreign policy.



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A 1983 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, Mrs. Hill held numerous positions as a KC-135 instructor navigator, training flight and senior standardization/ evaluation navigator. During this time, she flew combat support during the US intervention in Panama, as well as deployed to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia flying in support of Desert Storm as the Chief of Tanker Air Operations.

Following an assignment to Headquarters Air Combat Command, Mrs. Hill was hand-picked to become the first woman assigned to fly the B-1B Bomber. She completed qualification as both an Offensive and Defensive Systems Officer and was the first initial qualification student trained as a Weapons System Officer and Instructor. During this time, she also held various Squadron- and Wing-level leadership positions.

Mrs. Hill concluded her military career at the Pentagon with assignments in Air Force Plans and Programs and in the Weapon Systems Division of the Air Force Office of Legislative Liaison. She retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

A native of Georgia, she now resides with her husband, Greg, in Alexandria, Virginia.

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